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QUOTES FROM THE LIBERTERREAN:

"Wouldn't it be great if our paranoia were just that?

"Repetition has authority because people feel that only truth has the necessary energy for the effort. They are mistaken.

"Notice how everything is a club and you must work and study and suffer to gain admission.

"The cops and robbers on TV are the establishment version of the class war. When the crooks start winning then you'll know something's up.

"I used to think the difference between the government and the Mafia was the latter provides necessary social services at great personal risk for a price agreed upon voluntarily and in advance while the former is just a mafia. Then I found out they were the same guys.

(from: SPACE DIARY, by Dan Mc Carroll, Beyond Baroque Foundation, 1639 W. Washington Blvd., Venice, CA 90291.)

DEAR LIBERTERREAN:

Good cover, the mistake of the issue number fits very well. Dennis Klein

...I think your bonus points for Best Country is in error. It appears as if the longer a player takes to win the higher his supply center/year average will be. This penalizes the player who has a quick win.... The question of stand-bys also arises: How do you handle stand-by players?

Back a minute to the "Best Country" bonus points--are the points once awarded permanent, or do you lose them when a better "Best Country" comes along? I think a straight out point system is better than adding the bonus points.

As for your all-lawyers game--my wife has been a legal secretary for some 18 years. I've been trying to get some of the lawyers in the firm she works for interested in Diplomacy, but no luck yet. I know of quite a few Diplomacy players in law school so maybe you might have to relax your requirements slightly if you don't get that 7th player....

Gary Kilbride

#88

December 9, 1977

LIBERTERREAN DIPLOMACY RATINGS:

About my rating system: I made a few errors of calculation and omission last issue. Most of these have been pointed out by the players involved, I hope. I've made some corrections, and I've made some other changes in response to player suggestions.

First of all, to answer Gary Kilbride, I thought I'd drop the "Best Country" bonus from a player's score once another player had bested that record. This means to be a top-rated player in this system, you will almost always have to have at least one "Best Country" score. What do you think?

As to the changes: I've decided that rather than give one point to each player per game, that I'd drop this and average in each player's supply-center/year average. The points for places and ties will remain the same. But this means that two players who tie for first place, say, will have different scores for rating purposes unless the average of supply centers per year is the same. I will retain the addition of one point per game for stand-bys, to encourage that valuable service from among you player. A stand-by game will not be included in the ratings unless the stand-by player requests it. If requested, the inclusion is automatic.

One of the biggest errors I made was to omit Dave Ditter's win as Russia in 1976 DL. Also: Best Country bonuses will only be awarded to current subscribers; the "Top 10" will include only current subscribers and those others who have played at least two rated games in LIBERTERREAN.

BEST COUNTRY:

Austria:	12.60	Russell Fox
England:	6.33	Bill Young
France:	9.54	Dennis Klein
Germany:	8.56	Dave Ditter
Italy:	10.14	Fred Bolin
Russia:	11.43	Dave Ditter
Turkey:	9.88	Gary Kilbride

THE TOP 10:

1. Dave Ditter: 42.99;
2. Russel Fox: 42.20;
3. Gary Kilbride: 35.82;
4. Fred Bolin: 29.49;
5. Dennis Klein: 27.28;
6. Clay McCuistion*: 25.91;
7. David Mueth: 19.22;
8. Bill Young: 18.66;
9. Bob Spencer: 17.29;
10. Dennis Agosta: 13.50;
11. Larry Trenam: 12.72.

AB 6: Turn 6

GRECOSLAVIA

Hard-pressed Greeks knock out another Italian afv. Greek losses to artillery fire mount.

Fire Tasks:

IF: 0817, 1519

Greek A10-1215E @ C122-1018	NE
" 2 pdr-0316C @ " 0619	DE
" 1419E @ CH20-1320	NE
inf " " "	NE

Spotted Units:

Italian: CH20-1018F; C121-1218A
Greek: Vickers 6-Ton I-1319D,
A10-1215E, 2 pdr-0316E
Yugoslavians are out of sight.

IRAN

Spotted Units:

Iranian: D312-2022F
Russian: inf--2122,2126,2128,2421
Turks are still out of sight.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE:

Smoke IF: 2531,2732,2828,2627

Spotted Units:

German: 1B31-5503,1B32-5603,1B33-5704
1B34-5804,5B11-2706E,3B11-2429E;
Swedish: s100-2402C [STRVm/39].

Ratings (as of Turn 6)

1. Blank: 3.00; 2. Frediani: .33
Fox,Bolin,Cottle,Fong,Vie Brooks have no
rating yet since none have any losses.

AB6 Press:

Flash! Italian CIC killed in explosion when gas dripping from a leaky carburetor in his apc hit the manifold. "No earthly remains visible" reports the Italian Chief Medical Officer. The Italian forces are thrown in turmoil. Iranian forces under Italian supervision also wander around aimlessly. Will the German military advisors step in and straighten this mess out?

Ankara: Those Krauts are turning a little sour.

Teheran: The Shah snickered at the recent Turkish press about Iranian units being unable to spot Turkish tanks. He said: "Those Turks are just hiding, waiting for the Russian forces to do all the work. I can't wait until Thanksgiving. He, he..." As a safety precaution however

he ordered all Iranian units to report any tanks with banners on them saying "this is not a Turkish unit." The Shah was also rather pleased by the new shipment of Italian tanks just outside his capital. He knew they were Italian by the rather large banners across them saying "This is an Italian Tank."

Ankara: The Turkish Government expressed deep dislike of a certain artist conception of their Embassy, but they were quick to point out that the Italians had the bottom floor.

Berlin(AP). German assistance forces have suffered their first casualty of 1939. A supply officer has been court martialed for forgetting to bring along smoke shells for the artillery.

Chancellor Charlie has released the following statements during the preceeding week: "It would seem that the rebels we are encountering are having second thoughts about resisting the inevitable, or perhaps the citizens of these countries are hampering the rebels insane activities."

"We hartily endorse the most recent statement from Ankara to Spain. We certainly hope the Turks find no conflict with the Spanish as to their respective shperes of influence."

"It would seem from all the press releases issuing from the Italian/Greco-slavian theater of operations that the participants couldn't find room for gasoline or ammunition because of all the typewriters that were packed."

"I find it difficult to believe that the Turks could compose a sentence that long. Actually, I have reports that because of a power failure in Ankara (the bicycle chain broke) the Turkish armies alarm clocks failed to go off, thus the Turks missed the war."

"I thought that the Turks usually used two-holess for their embassies?"

Live Long and Prosper

Athens: Corporal de Greco received a hero's welcome as he was paraded through the streets of the bexieged Greek capital. De Greco recently returned from the front, was to be decreated by the King for his bravery in single handly capturing the Italian tank general Angelo Demilo, engineer of the recent Italian blitz of Albania.

AB 6 Press, cont'd

It seems de Greco was returning from a garbage disposal detail when he turned right instead of left on his way b-ck to camp. His error left him 20 miles behind Italian lines. De Greco reports of having caught glimpses of soldiers hiding along the road but assumed they were Greeks not wanting to be commandeered for garbage detail. Now that he looks back on it though he is certain they were Italians since most were barefoot and all were embracing one another as they groveled in their hideouts. De Greco came upon Demilo stranded on a road side and stopped to help him figuring him to be a Greek officer in need of aid. Demilo emptied his automatic pistol at deGreco wounding him 3 times with powder burns but not hitting him. The officer then broke down and began kissing deGreco's boots being careful to nibble off the scraps of garbage. De Greco reports then helping the shaken officer into the garbage truck and carting him back to friendly lines. Demilo is doing fine now in an Athens Psychiatric ward suffering from mild depression. De Greco is to receive the Greek Star in a Gold Circle.

WAR BETWEEN THE STATES:

SPI has issued errata to this game in MOVES, issue #35. There are several important adjustments, among them being that only ONE Political Point is given for capturing a fort. This ONE point is awarded only once per game per side--not one point for EACH fort captured. This is a big improvement and cancels my adjustment for this problem reported to you all earlier. Therefore, this game will be delayed until you have had time to digest the changes in MOVES #35. If you have the game and want to play PBM in this zine, but you don't have access to MOVES #35, write me and I'll copy them for you. To request a position in this game requires a \$2 mnr fee plus \$2 advance on turn fees at 25¢ per turn (8 turns). I want to have at least 4 players (2 Union, and 2 Confederate) to start. I'm in my 3rd RTT on this game, having won twice already as the CSA. Is this game weighted in favor of the CSA? I'm winning again in my 3rd game!

DIPLOMACY:

I've been asked about my notations in reporting Diplomacy games. For all concerned: An "*" denotes the final location of the unit; "/a/" = "annihilated"; "/d/" = "dislodged".

1975 GY Fall, 1910:

DRAW VOTE FAILS!

France(Tutacko): A lpl (s) F EDI*(h) [nsu as A lpl], A YOR*, F ENG*-nth, F nth-HOL*(s) by A BEL*, A ruh-kie /a/, A mar-BUR* F tys-TUN*, F NAP*(s), A ROM*(h);

Germany(Bryg): A cly-LPL*(s) by F NAO*, F NWG*-nth, F HEL*-kie, A stp-NWY* A swe-DEN*, A hol-RUH*(s) by A MUN*, A WAR* & A MOS*(s) each other;

Turkey(Ditter): A SEV*(s) A UKR*, A VIE* & A BUD* both to gal, A TUS*-rom, F ion-TYS*, F eas-ION*(s) by F GRE*, A ven-APU*, A tya-VEN*(s) by A TRI*, F ALB*-adr.

Center Distribution:

France: home, por, spa, lon, rom, nap, tun, edi, BEL, HOL, 1pl (12) one short, build two;

Germany: home, den, nwy, swe, war, stp, mos, 1pl, LPL (10) one short, even;

Turkey: home, bul, rum, ser, gre, bud, vie, tri, sev, ven, (12) even.

The deadline for Winter 1910 AND Spring, 1911 is 1.00 pm, Friday, December 30, 1977.

1975 HT Summer, 1917:

Season Separates at Player

Request!

England(Klein): A war-r-PRU*, F mid-r-NAO*;

France(Young): no retreats

Turkey(Kilbride): no adjustments.

The deadline for Fall, 1917 is 1.00 pm, Friday, December 30, 1977.

Press:

Penzance: Admiral Lucky Luciano aboard the AMB Dante Alighieri (atsa my boat) announced today that he will be unable to rescue the Italian explorer Cristoflo Columbo who has been stranded on Iceland--it seems some nasty englishmen calling themselves Warden of the Cinque Ports and Chancellor of the Duchy of Cornwall have strong exception to the Italian fleets residence in Wales. The Admiral

1975 HT Press, cont'd:

was soaced by the news that his Gomba-General Bonnano has liberated Warsaw and is trying to do the same for Moscow.

St. Thomas, Virgin Is: My congratulations to Dennis Klein and William Young for a well-fought battle. Along about 1910 to 1912 they could have gone on the defense and forced a 3-way draw.

(*Where's that "Bad Weather Delays Attack" card?)

1977 IE, Winter, 1906:

England(Brown): builds A EDI*, F LON*

France(Slaughter): remove F pic;

Germany(Lesch): build A KIE*

Italy(Ditter): no build since Russia retreated to Bud;

Russia(Young): A rum-r-BUD*;

Turkey(Cook): remove A mos!

The deadline for Spring, 1907 is 1.00 pm, Friday, December 30, 1977.

1977 IF, Spring, 1906:

DRAW VOTE FAILS TO CARRY!

England(McManus): F cly-LPL*(s) by F WAL*, F NTH*-den

France(Bryg): F nao-NWG*, F mid-WES*, A mar-BUR*(s) by A PAR* & A GAS*;

Germany(Bolin): A mos (h) [nsu] A STP*, A nwy-SWE*, F kie-HEL*(s) by F DEN* F iri-ENG*, A bur-PIC*, A hol-BEL*, A MUN*-tya A gal-VIE*;

Italy(Giguet): NMR! Phantom NMRs! A vie /d/, A TYA*, A VEN*, F ALB*;

Turkey(Spiekerman): A sev-RUM*, A BUD* (s) German A gal-vie, A TIR*(s) A bud; A SER* (s) A tri, F tun-TYS*, F aeg-ION*, F smy-EAS*, F con-BUL*(sc), F bla-CON*, A ank-SMY*.

The deadline for Fall, 1906 is 1.00 pm, Friday, December 30, 1977.

Press:

No Austrians, well then on to Vienna! [dateline Berlin].

Phantom Press:

Hey, how am I going to have any fun unless at least half of you miss each turn?

1977 IG Winter, 1902:

SEASON SEPARATES!

Austria(Anderson): build A TRI*

England(Mueth): remove A NWY

France(Jones): no adjustments;

Germany(Bryg): no adjustments;

Italy(Ditter): build A VEN*;

Russia(Michalski): build A WAR*;

Turkey(Neuharth): F gre-r-AEG*.

The deadline for Spring, 1903 is 1.00 pm, Friday, December 30, 1977.

Press:

London: A great new alliance has been announced: That of England-Germany-Italy and their friends.

Paris: La France a perdu une bataille! Mail la France n'a pas perdu la guerre!

Venice: As the sun sets slowly in the west, the Italians say "Traditional Stab?"

1977 IX, Winter, 1901:

TEN BUILDS!

Austria(Kilbride): build A VIE*, A BUD*

England(Tutacko): build F EDI*, F LON*;

France(Gibson): build A PAR*, F MAR*;

Germany(Pinelli): build A MUN*

Italy(Kjol): no adjustments;

Russia(Ditter): build F STP*(nc), A WAR*

Turkey(McManus): build F MA SMY*.

The deadline for Spring, 1902 is 1.00 pm, Friday, December 30, 1977.

DIPLOMACY OPENINGS:

The All-Lawyer's game has about 5 requests for assignment so far. One is a law student in his last term whom I may allow in if the game fills to 6 at a deadline.

For some reason the editor of Diplomacy World made a nasty comment (nasty tone of words) about my criteria for accepting players to this game. He objects because: 1. mere graduation from law school does not a lawyer make; and, 2. it's possible to become a lawyer without ever attending law school; and, 3. most prominent players of Diplomacy who are lawyers have dropped out of the hobby. I don't understand the relevance of this last point, but to you three lawyers in the US who never went to law school: You're welcome in this game. I will still accept graduates from law school.

A black and white photograph of a postage stamp. The stamp features a silhouette of a person riding a horse, possibly a cowboy, against a background of vertical wavy lines. In the upper right corner of the stamp, the text "USA" is printed above "Christmas 12c". The stamp is shown at an angle, with its edges slightly irregular.

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Openings are still available in the All-California game, and I will open up another one, since 1975 HT is about to end.

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Units must enter on a road in line, one vehicle per hex. No unit may leave a road hex until an enemy unit has been spotted or has fire. Until units may leave the road, no more than one hex may separate any 2 vehicles in your column. Victory is determined by unit elimination.

If more than 2 players sign up, I'll set up additional scenarios. If you were previously an AB-7 or AB-5a player, there is no cost to you for this scenario. For others, the usual \$2 NMR fee and \$2 advance on your turn fees at 25¢ per turn. By the way, the Iraqi T62's are the export version without Laser fire-control.